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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

Examiner acknowledged Applicant's amendment to claim 1 and explained that, although Examiner had not yet considered the amendment substantively in view of the prior art, Examiner had conducted a preliminary review of Applicant's remarks/arguments made in response to the previous Office Action and noticed that Applicant's statement seeking to disqualify the Cederlof reference as prior art based on common ownership was insufficient under MPEP 706.02(l)(2)(II). Specifically, Examiner explained that Applicant's statement was one of present common ownership and not one that established common ownership at the time the invention was made. Examiner explained that since the Examiner's response to Applicant's amendment was not immediately due, that Examiner wished to inform Applicant of the insufficient statement and allow Applicant time to submit a supplementary response with a corrected statement of common ownership before Examiner responded to the amendment. Applicant informed Examiner that such supplementary response would not be forthcoming because Applicant believed the amendment made to claim 1 was sufficient to overcome Examiner's previous rejection of the claims, notwithstanding the insufficient statement of common ownership as to the Cederlof reference.



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